

*London, City of Markets.*  
**L A W S**  
**O F T H E**  
**M A R K E T.**



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The L A W S of the  
M A R K E T.

**F**irst, in all the Markets of this City, no Cattle shall be sold, but by the Price set by the Mayor of this City.

2. No man shall foretell any Cattle coming to the Market, as for to buy in any Inn or other by place, or yet coming to the Market, whether it be found in the hands of the Buyer or of the Seller, under pain of forfeiture of the same: and no Inn-holder shall suffer any

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thing to be sold in his house, upon  
pain of forfeiture of xl. s.

3 No man shall regrate any  
Wittual which is in the Market, or  
buy any Wittual to ingrate in the  
Market, so that the Commons can  
or may have any part of such Wittu-  
al, as in especial such as be known  
for hucksters, or other people occu-  
pying their Living by such Wittual  
as they would so ingross, under  
pain of forfeiture of such Wittual so  
regrated. Provided always, that  
any Steward for any noble Feast  
may buy or ingrate such Wittual as  
is convenient for the same Feast.

4 No Butter shall be sold but ac-  
cording to the weight for the time  
of the year allowed.

5 No Poulters shall decerably  
occupy the Market, to sell any stale  
Wittual, or such as be Poulters of  
this City, for to stand in strange  
cloathing

cloathing so to do, under pain of  
xl. s. and the forfeiture of such Al-  
tial.

6 No bucklers shall stand or  
sit in the Market, but in the lower  
place and the ends of the Market  
to the intent they may be perfectly  
known, and the Stranger-market  
people have the preeminence of the  
Market, under pain of iii. s. And  
if the bucklers disobey the same,

7 No untimely or sale Al-  
tial shall be sold under pain of xl. s.  
and forfeiture of the same Altial.

The Statutes of the Streets of this  
City against Noylances.

First, No man shall sweep the  
fith of the Street into the  
Chand of the City in time of any  
rain

rain, or at any other time, under  
pen of vi. s. viij. d.

2 No Man shall cast or lay in the  
Streets, Dogs, Cats, or other Car-  
tion, or any noisome thing, con-  
tagious of Air: nor no Inn-holder  
shall lay out Dung out of his house,  
but if the Cart be ready to carry the  
same away incontinently, under  
pen of ii. s.

3 No Brewer shall cast wilfully  
Dregs or Dregs of Ale or Beer  
into the Channel, under pen of  
ii. s.

4 No man shall encumber the  
Streets with Timber, Stones,  
Carts, or such like, under pen of  
forfeiture of the same thing that so  
encumbereth the Streets, which is  
twenty shillings Fine, if he remove  
it not at the warning of the Serge-  
ant of the Market.

5 Every Builder of houses  
ought

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ought to come to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain, for a special Licence for pound of, by him to be made in the high Street, and no Builder to encumber the Streets with any manner of thing taken down for the preparing of his new Building, under pain of forty shillings, except he make a pound of forty shillings.

6 No man shall set any Carts in the Streets by night-time, under the pain of xij. d. and recompence to such persons as shall be hurt thereby, if any such be, xij. d.

7 No Budge-man shall lead but two Horses, and he shall not let them go unled under pain of ij. s.

8 No man shall ride or drive his Car or Cart a-trot in the Street, but patiently, under pain of ij. s.

9 No man shall gallop his Horse in the Street under pain of ij. s.

10 No

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11602 No man shall shoot in the Street, for Mager or otherwise, underlike pain of iijs.

11603 No man shall bowle or cast any stone in the Street, for Mager or gain, or such like, under pain of iijs.

11604 No man shall dig any hole in the Street for any matter, except he stop it up again, under pain of iijs, and recompense to any person hurt thereby iijs.

11605 No man shall bury any Dung or Goung within the Liberties of this City, under pain of iijs.

11606 No Goung-farmer shall carry any Ordure till after ix. of the clock in the night, under pain of thirteen shillings four pence.

11607 No Goung-farmer shall spill any Ordure in the Street, under pain of xij. s. to the poor.

11608 No man shall bait any Bull, Bear,

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Beat, or Horse in the open Street,  
under pain of *xx. s.*

16 No man shall have any Kine,  
Goats, Hogs, Pigs, Hens, Cocks,  
Capon, or Ducks, in the open  
Street, under pain of forfeiting  
them.

18 No man shall maintain any  
biting Currs, or mad Dogs, in  
the Streets under pain of *ij. s.* and  
recompence to every party hurt  
therewith *ij. s.*

19 No Carts that shall be shod  
with Spig-nail, that shall come up-  
on the Streets of this City, under  
pain of *iii. s. x. d.*

20 No Carts using daily Carri-  
age within this City, nor Car, shall  
have Wheels shod with any Iron,  
but bare, under pain of *vi. s.*

21 No man shall burn any  
Straw, Rushes, or other thing,  
Linnen or Wollen, in the Streets  
by

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by night or by day, under pain of  
iij. s. iij. d.

22 No man shall blow any horn  
in the night within this City, or  
whistle after the hour of nine of the  
clock in the night, under pain of  
Imprisonment.

23 No man shall use to go with  
Hizards or disguised by night, un-  
derlike pain of Imprisonment.

24 Made that Night-walkers  
and Eves-droppers endure like pu-  
nishment.

25 No Hammer-man, as a  
Smith, a Pewterer, a Founder, and  
all Artificers making great sound,  
shall work after the hour of nine in  
the night, or afore the hour of  
four in the morning, under pain of  
iij. s. iij. d.

26 No man shall cast into the  
Ditches of this City, or the Sew-  
ers of this City, without the  
Walls,

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Walls, or into the Walls, Gates  
or Bullets of this City, any manner  
of Carrion, stinking flesh, rotten  
fish, or any Rubbish, Dung, Sand,  
Gravel, Weeds, Stones, or any  
other thing, to stop the Course of  
the same, under pain of cleansing  
thereof, at his own cost and charge,  
under pain of Imprisonment.

27 No man shall make any Mi-  
dways in any of the Town-  
ditches, or the Town-Bullets, un-  
der the pain of 11 s.

28 No man shall build nigh the  
Walls of the City, without licence  
of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and  
Chamberlain, under pain of ffor-  
ming down the same; and no licence  
may be granted, except that the  
Chamberlaine freely at all times  
have convenient and needful in-  
gress and entry, out-going and depar-  
ture.

29 No man shall go in the Streets by night or by day with Bow bent, or Arrows under his girdle, nor with Sword unsheathed, under pain of Imprisonment, or with hand-gun, having therewith Powder and Match: except it be in an usual May-game or Sight.

30 No man shall after the hour of nine at the night keep any Bale whereby any such sudden Out-cry be made in the still of the Night, as making any Affray, or beating his wife, or servant, or singing or Revelling in his house, to the disturbance of his Neighbours, under pain of iii. s. iiii. d.

31 No man shall make any Affray upon any Officer, whether with good demeanour both his Willage by commandment of the Lord Mayor, or any Alderman, or Master Sheriffs, or Master Chamberlain.

berlein, or mis-behave himself in a-  
ny Railing upon any Judge of this  
City, or their Officers; which by  
commandment are sent to bring  
any Breaker of this Law and Cu-  
stom to Ward, or to Distress, or  
such like, upon pain of Imprison-  
ment of forty days, and forfeiture  
of the double penalty for the Offen-  
ces assailing. Railing upon any  
Alderman or Mayor in his Office,  
is judgment of the Pillory: Rail-  
ing upon Master Chamberlein in  
his Office, forty days imprison-  
ment: Beating, Threatning, and  
Railing on an Officer is Imprison-  
ment, after as the Trespass is.

32 Memorandum, That every Of-  
fence found in this City, it is ac-  
customed that the Officer, a Free-  
man finding it, which is called Pri-  
mus Inventor, hath half the Penalty  
by the grace of the Court.

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33 Also any free-man may find any Offence, but he hath no power to bring the party before any Judge of this City, without an Officer, except the party will come to his Answer by free will.

34 No man hath power to Arrest, Attach, or make Distress of any Goods forfeitable, or Offences, except a Constable or Serjeant of the Peace.

35 No Butcher or his Merchant shall use to drive any Ox or Cown a-trot in the Street, but peaceably: and if any Ox happen to be let go, when he is prepared to slaughter, the butcher shall forfeit ii. s. besides recompence, if any person be hurt thereby.

36 No Butcher shall scald dogs, but in the common scalding-house, upon pain of vi. s. viij. d.

37 No Butcher shall sell any meat  
sel

fel hog, or unwholsom flesh, under  
pein of x. li.

38 No Butcher shall sell any old  
stale Meats, that is to say, above  
the slaughter of three days in the  
Winter; and two in the Summer,  
under pein of x. li.

39 None unreasonable Meats  
for all manner of Meats.

40 No Meatseller of this City  
shall give any rude or unfitting  
language, or make any clamour up-  
on any man or woman in the open  
Market, for cheapning of Meats,  
under pein of iiij. s. iij. d.

41 No Butcher shall cast the In-  
wards of Beasts into the Streets,  
Cleaves of Beasts feet, Bones,  
Horns of Sheep, or other such like,  
under pein of ij. s.

42 The Pudding-part of the  
Shambles shall not go afore the  
houe of nine in the night, or after

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the hour of five in the morning, under pain of vi. s. viij. d.

43 No man shall cast any Urine-boles, or Dedure-boles into the Streets by day or night, afore the hour of nine in the night: and also he shall not cast it out, but bring it down, and lay it in the Chanel, under the pain of iij. s. iij. d. And if he do cast it upon any persons head, the party to have a lawfull Recompence, if he have hurt thereby.

44 No man shall hurt, cut or destroy any Pipes, Desparalls, or Wind-bents, pertaining to the Conduit, under pain of Imprisonment, and making satisfaction, though he doth it out of the City, if he may be taken within the City.

45 No man within this City may make any Quill, and break any Pipe of the Conduit, coming through

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through his house or nigh his ground, under pain of the Pillory, or take any Water privily unto his house.

46 Casting any corrupt thing, appoisoning the water, is Lough-lary and Felony.

47 Whosoever destroy or perishe any Cocks of the Conduit must have Imprisonment, and make satisfaction.

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## Old Laws and Customs of this City.

48 **N**O man shall set up Shop, or occupy as a Free-man, afore he be sworn in the Chamber of London, and admitted by the Chamber-lein, under pain of

49 No man shall set over his Apprentice

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prentice to any other person, but by licence of Waster Chamberlein, & there to be set over, under pein of

50 No man which is a Foreign shall buy or sell within the Liberties of this City with another Foreign, under pein of forfeiture of the Goods so foreign bought and sold.

51 No Free-man shall be disobedient for to come at Waster Chamberleins commandment, to any Summons to him given by any Officer of the Chamber, under pein of Imprisonment.

52 Waster Chamberlein hath power to send a Free-man to Ward, so that he incontinently after send to the Lord Mayor the cause why that he is punished, so that the Lord Mayor release him not, but by the Chamberleins assent: and if he be a great Commoner, and disobeying

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veying to the Chamberlein, Master Chamberlein may refer it to a Court of Aldermen.

Master Chamberlain hath authority for to send or Command any Apprentice to the Compter for their Offences: and if their Offences be great, as in defiling their Masters houses by vicious living, or offending his Master by Theft, or Disfander, or such like, then to command him to Newgate.

Apprentice Enrolled, his Master payeth ij. s. vi. d.

Apprentice Set over, he that receiveth, ij. s.

Apprentice made Free, he payeth four shillings.

Apprentice never Enrolled, and made Free, his Master payeth xij. s. ij. d.

A man made Free by his Father's Cope payeth xvij. d.

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A Proclamation made in the time  
of the Mayoralty of Sir Michael  
Dormer Knight.

Our Ord. of Common Council  
made in the Chen of S. Michael,  
anno Regis Henrici Octavi xxxi.  
That no person should lay any  
wares in the Street, or beyond the  
edge of their Stall, upon pain of  
forfeiture the first time vs. s. viij. d.  
the second time xij. s. ib. d. and  
the third time the Ware so laid.

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